

Molly's DJ, Kyle Williams releases new mixtape to campus and local fans

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Senior Chance Parsons practices using camera equipment in preparation for his work with Bischoff/Hervey Entertainment.

MEDIA STUDENTS RUN THE SHOW

Parsons, Drummond played roles in a production picked up by Discovery Channel

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For two Northwest media students, the opportunity of a lifetime presented itself in the form of cops and robbers, flashing lights and three days constantly on the go. This wasn't a police manhunt, but it was a chance to get their names on the big screen in a big way.

Senior Chance Parsons and sophomore Catie Drummond

worked with the production company Bischoff/Hervey Entertainment to create what is known as a sizzle reel that caught the interest of the Discovery Channel.

"Back over the summer, I had secured a job to work on a sizzle reel where a production company comes out and shoots what would technically be the best scenes of an episode and put it together in a presentation," Parsons said. "From there, the presentation goes to the production company... they turned around and made a five-minute production, which they showed to the Discovery Channel."

Drummond said Parsons called her, asking if she wanted to be involved and she agreed.

Although Parsons is the general

manager of KNWT-TV Channel 8 and Drummond works as Channel 8's News Producer, this was the first big production they had ever been involved in. Drummond worked as a production assistant while Parsons worked with the equipment and camera crew.

"We were in this small, little town in Kansas City, and they wanted to base it on Kansas City because of the history there," Drummond said. "It's a really interesting thing. One of the producers has been trying to bring it to people for a long time and finally brought it to Bischoff/Hervey, and they brought it to Discovery Channel."

For three days, Parsons and Drummond worked with a professional crew to create the "pilot be-

fore the pilot."

"It's a lot different from being in the class setting," Drummond said. "Sometimes you're laid back and you don't have to do it all out, you can just be a student, but while you're there, you're a professional."

The thought that these people were watching her and were possibly considering her for a job in the future was a huge motivator for Drummond. Despite working 16-hour days and running non-stop, she did her best to stay on top of everything, and spending time with professionals from a possible future career path proved to be an eye-opening experience in more

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Regents vote to freeze tuition pending state funds

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Several major changes were approved by the Board of Regents last week. Some of these were a new academic minor, a new health center and a tuition price freeze.

Student Regent Ashton Raffety wanted to stress that the tuition freeze will only happen if the University receives the 5 percent funding increase propositioned by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon that still needs congressional approval.

"It only kicks in if they give us money," Raffety said. "If not there will be a 1.5 percent increase to tuition."

Nixon made an appearance at the regents meeting March 12 commending the board for voting yes on the proposal and to praise Northwest as an institution.

"I am very happy that the board and the administration have met my challenge and said they would freeze tuition next year," Nixon said to the board. "It is great to have organizations who are committed to not only the quality of education but the affordability."

Matt Johnson, Health and Human Services instructor, feels the board's approval of the new minor of sports management could lead to more stu-



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

President Dr. John Jasinski, Board Chair Dr. Mark Hargens and Board Vice Chair Joseph Bosse discuss tuition increases during the Board of Regents meeting March 13. The board vote to freeze tuition for 2014-15 with the appropriate state funding.

dents applying to Northwest.

"The minor is big. It gives students an alternative option early and in advance," Johnson said. "There are quite a few kids who ask during visits if we offer it."

The minimum wage for Univer-

sity employees was also increased by the board. Fees to fund renovating the now vacant Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center into the Robert and Virginia Foster Athletic Center were also approved.

Mark Hargens, Board of Regent

chair, said this is a better implementation of funds than the original pool, which was "not being utilized."

With a new minor offering, tuition prices possibly freezing and a new place to workout, it could be an exciting time to be a Bearcat.

Provost Dunham accepts vice president position in KC

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After almost two decades of service, Provost Doug Dunham will move on to newer pastures when he becomes Rockhurst University's new vice president of academic affairs.

While many Bearcats believe Dunham's work may be hard to replace, his colleagues are excited for Dunham to step into his new role. During the most recent Board of Regents meeting President John Jasinski acknowledged Dunham, who turned in his resignation papers before the meeting, for all his work.

"We're celebrating his service. Doug has provided superlative work," Jasinski said. "Whatever he touches, it

is done well. When you give him anything, he creates quality."

Mark Hargens, Board of Regency chair, respects Dunham's decision and holds a high level of esteem for him.

"I was very sad for us; he is one of the most respected members the board recognizes," Hargens said. "But it's hard to stop people from moving on to newer things."

The decision to select Dunham as vice president for academic affairs was made by Cheryl McConnell, Rockhurst dean of the Helzberg School of Management.

"Although we had three excellent finalists, we were particularly impressed with Dr. Dunham's leadership style and experience," McConnell said. "He has a deep understanding

of the complexities inherent in higher education, and he believes in its role in society."

After four years as Northwest's top academic officer and overseeing all academic programs, Dunham is sad to go but is excited for the opportunity Rockhurst University is giving him.

"I grew up here, professionally," Dunham said. "They (Rockhurst) were looking for someone with assessment and accreditation. It's a relatively new position, and it was a good fit for me."

The practical reasons for taking the job were also big for Dunham.

"I have a house in Kansas City, so this puts me seven minutes away instead of an hour," Dunham said. "It was good fit due to the Jesuit values of the school as well."

While he is leaving, he still has many great memories of his time as a Bearcat and will always remember them.

"I remember when I got a certificate of appreciation from Faculty Senate," Dunham said. "You always feel good after commencement. Seeing students graduate reminds us why we are here."

The University is unsure when the hiring process for Northwest's next provost will begin, according to Jasinski.

Dunham will remain a Bearcat until June 30, but Northwest Missouri State will not forget Dunham's service to the University and the students.

State representative proposes bill that may ban Common Core

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Missouri is in the eye of a storm known as the Common Core State Standards, and some people are finding beauty in the whirlwind of change while others are doing everything they can to fight it.

Rep. Kurt Bahr, R-St. Charles, sponsored House Bill 1490 earlier this year to prohibit the implementation of Common Core, learning goals designed to outline what a student should know and be able to do at the end of each grade, for public schools. Bahr explained he has several concerns about the standards and what they mean for not only educational reform, but for school districts and Missouri in general.

One of Bahr's first issues with Common Core is how the process was implemented.

"It was not vetted through the general assembly," he said, referring to the House of Representatives and Senate, "Neither were we really consulted in any way. There was really no open time for the general public for questions either."

He said this was technically "not illegal per the letter of the law, but it did violate the spirit of the law." Many opponents of Common Core express worry this move is a form of federal interference on the state and local level, leading into Bahr's concern about state and local sovereignty.

Timothy Wall, associate professor of the Education of Professional Education, shared his opinion about Common Core legislation, considering it to be "misguided."

"After all, 45 other states are behind it, as is our Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and many members of the Missouri legislatures, some from each side of the aisle, politically," he said.

Last year, the proposed bill did not make it past committee. Since January, though, it has passed through the Missouri Committee of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Committee on Rules and will move to the House floor.

While Bahr appears to agree the No Child Left Behind policy is not the answer, he does not approve of Common Core either.

Three common points appear among most arguments against Common Core: cost, the opinion that the existing state standards are good enough and the effect of national standards on the autonomy of state and local education officials.

"The tests are done online in front of computers, iPads, any number of devices," Bahr said about the price of the standards. "That cost of infrastructure to have the computers and have the bandwidth to be online to take that test will be borne by the local school districts. For rural and poor school districts, that price is pretty pricey."

Along with cost, Bahr discussed the agreement between the state of Missouri and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium.

"While the state of Missouri is part of the consortium, we cannot change the standards," Bahr said. "If we decide the standards are too weak or inappropriate for a grade level, we can't change them."

Bahr explained while the state could petition to change them, districts could not "fix them" or refuse to use them.

"Why are we adopting new standards that may or may not be better when we already have good standards?" he said. "Maybe standards

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Provost Dr. Doug Dunham will leave Northwest for Rockhurst University.

WHAT'S HOT

The Animal is Back

Ke\$ha finally checked out of rehab after several months of treatment for her eating disorder. The star says she is "Feeling healthy & working on tons of new music."

Kardashian Girls

The girls just can't stop. They released a new clothing line this week for children. The line will run through Babies "R" Us for at least 24 months.

Trivia Night

Tonight, Order of Omega is hosting its first trivia night, including the categories of celebrities, the 90's, Maryville and Northwest. Teams of six people can participate in the games. The cost is \$30.00 per team. Good luck!

WHAT'S NOT

No More Bossy

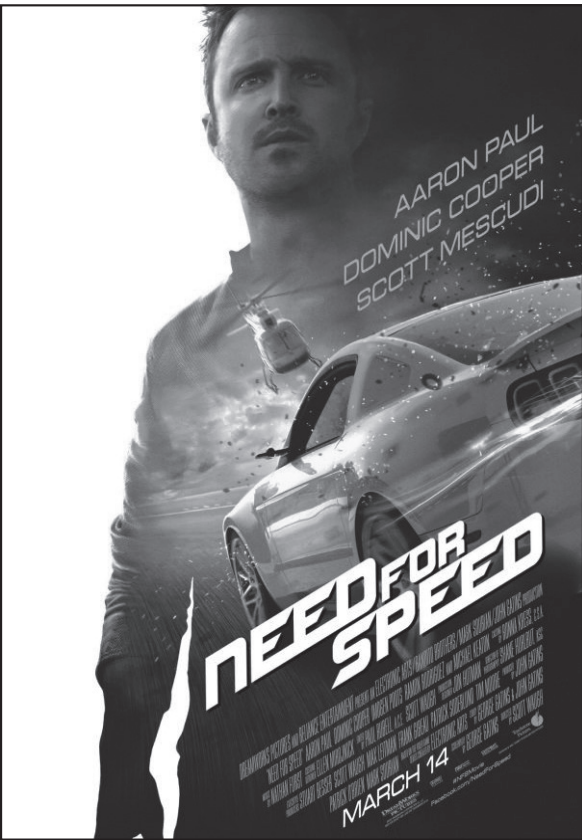
Beyonce, Jennifer Garner and Jane Lynch have started a petition to put an end to the label of "bossy" for women. They are claiming young girls are less likely to step up as leaders because they are being called this term. In their campaign video, they repeat, "Let's ban bossy" and "I'm not bossy-I'm the boss."

Macklemore is Potty Training

This week the rapper posted a video with an interesting topic...potty etiquette. The caption says, "Let's raise the next generation to have better aim so women don't have to pee & poop on our pee!"

Chris Brown Back to Jail

Brown is behind bars again until April 23 when the singer has a probation violation hearing. He is at the Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles where he will be in solitary confinement during his nice little visit.



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'Need for Speed' action packed, too average

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Action, car races and high-speed crashes are what "Need For Speed" is all about, but sometimes there's a need for a little bit more. The movie, based on the video game series of the same name, stars Aaron Paul from "Breaking Bad", Dominic Cooper, who starred in "Captain America" and Imogen Poots from "28 Weeks Later." While the film was full of action and high-speed racing, it lacked a lot of other elements, such as a compelling story. It follows Toby Marshall (Paul), a mechanic who was framed for a crime by his old rival and car entrepreneur, Dino Brewster (WHO). The story leaves a lot to be desired and a lot of questions unanswered, like why would Marshall seek revenge by entering a car race? It would be easier to just inform the authorities of the person who committed the crime and present evidence. But, such is the logic of action movies. This is sometimes a problem with film adaptations of video games as well, and in this case, a video game that didn't have much of a plot to begin with. It goes for big action while sacrificing everything else, except for the acting.

I was excited to see Paul on the big screen, being a big fan of "Breaking Bad." He still brings the level of intensity seen in his past work to the film, but the writing doesn't allow him to flex his muscles too much. He mostly engages in yelling, whooping and hollering. The role is beneath him, but that is a much broader topic. The rest of the cast does well, but nothing particularly noteworthy. Cooper seems to mosey through this role, not coming off as really malicious. As stated at the beginning, "Need For Speed" is an action movie and not much else. If you want to see car crashes and racing, it's the film for you. If you are looking for a deep story, romance or drama, this is not the film for you. It's still enjoyable and is worth at least one viewing. Other than that, it's perfect for a bad movie night.



Rating: 3/5
Starring: Aaron Paul
Director: Scott Waugh
Release Date: March 14, 2014

'Casablanca' made me a sucker for romantic rendezvous



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So...I have a confession to make, and I'm not very proud of it. I, Haley Vickers, am extremely movie deprived. A classic movie virgin. To be honest, most of the movies people watch, I haven't even heard of. My fellow Missourian staff members are beyond embarrassed by my lack of common knowledge of the great films I am so helplessly missing out on. So, for purely educational purposes, they are feeding me a "classic movie" every week to watch. These are the films you curl up with late at night and watch over and over again as you eat ice cream straight from the tub. Or at least that's what I picture myself doing in the near future. So, after 19 years of being completely ignorant of these movie masterpieces, my time is now. Rick says, "We'll always have Paris..." and my heart officially melted. This week I watched, yet again, another black and white classic, "Casablanca." Believe it or not, I would say it definitely makes the top-10 movies I've seen in my lifetime. But, keep in mind, I haven't seen many movies in my 19 years of existence. But this movie certainly had it all. A bit of scandal, a sprinkle of action and a lot of forbidden love and booze. Rick Blaine, played by Humphrey Bogart, is a club owner in Casablanca and is madly infatuated with his ex-lover Ilsa Lund played by Ingrid Bergman. When Lund and her husband make a random appearance at Blaine's club, his heart seems to break in two. "As Time Goes By," a song from back in the day, is played often. It represents the couples' past love and takes them back to their time in Paris.

The movie has a long period of a flashbacks to when Lund and Blaine were in Paris and in love. I'm not usually a sucker for romance, but this movie does a fabulous job of keeping their love classy. It's just pure love and everything a teenage girl dreams of. The two decide to run away together, but when push comes to shove, Lund doesn't show up and leaves Blaine in pieces. Now, fast forward back to Casablanca. It's time for the truth, and all the secrets come out. Lund didn't run away with Blaine because she is married and always has been, even when Blaine was her lover. Say what?! The drama is too much to handle. And guess what, Lund still loves Blaine this day. I found the beginning of this movie a little confusing. When all the German soldiers march around, putting people in prison, I was like, 'What is this movie even about?' But once the love story came together, everything was clear. We all just love love...right? There are parts of this movie I am not going to speak of because I wouldn't want to ruin it for all the suckers who haven't seen yet. This is one classic I would highly recommend you see, and you know that means a lot coming from me.



Rating: 4.5/5
Movie: Casablanca
Won Best Picture, Best Director and Best Writing, Screenplay
Release Date: 1942



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Northwest golf ends Fort Hays tourney in 2nd place

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Behind a strong finish in Mesa, Ariz., Northwest women's golf prepares for a pivotal tournament at the Missouri Western Invitational.

The Bearcats will have an opportunity to see how they stack with regional opponents in what will be a highly competitive tournament.

"It's going to be a huge tournament," head coach Pat McLaughlin said. "There will be nationally ranked teams and high ranked regional teams, so it's going to be an extremely tough field. We don't go into a tournament we don't think we can't win, but, realistically, we're going to have our hands full down in St. Joe.

"This is going to be a great indicator. Every team there is a regional team, so it'll give us a great indication... if we're going to go as a team to regionals."

Junior Taylor Gard said they are steadily improving as a team and have regional rankings on their mind when they travel to St. Joseph March 23 and 24.

"We want to continue lowering our scores and improving our game," Gard said. "In (the Central Oklahoma Tournament) we kind of fell off a little bit in the rankings, so we're just looking to get back on track and compete within the region."

Northwest must finish in the top 10 in the regional rankings in order to qualify as a team. The 'Cats took a step in the right direction in reaching this goal with a second-place finish at the Fort Hays Thaw Invite in Mesa, Ariz.

Northwest led after day one with a score of 329, leading Lindenwood by two strokes and Southwest Minnesota by three strokes.

"We knew we were going to have to go out and play well again and beat

(Lindenwood) head-to-head if we had a chance of winning," McLaughlin said. "But there were a couple girls for Lindenwood who shot lights out the second day and kind of put our hopes back in second place."

The Bearcats had three top-10 individual finishes led by Gard, who shot rounds of 82 and 80 to tie for third. Senior Kristina D'Angela tied for fifth, and Lowell tied for ninth to round out the top-10 scoring for the 'Cats.

Following a second-day score of 332, Northwest finished nine strokes behind Lindenwood, which posted a 10-stroke improvement on day two, and 10 strokes ahead of Southwest Minnesota. Fort Hays State, the only other MIAA opponent at Dobson Ranch Golf Course, placed fourth.

"It would have been nice to be in the top spot again," McLaughlin said. "But Lindenwood had beaten us earlier in the year and so had Southwest Minnesota, so it was nice to get one up on Southwest Minnesota. We needed to make a few more putts and a few less errant drives, and we would have been in there with Lindenwood. But for our second tournament, seeing some of our scores, I'm pretty happy about it."

Individual scores from Fort Hays Thaw Invite	
Taylor Gard	162
Kristina D'Angela	163
Cassie Lowell	166
Ashley Powers	170
Brooke Byland	176

St. Patrick's Day spirits found at Bearcat football practice



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Redshirt freshman defensive end Jamie Nix was in the St. Patrick's Day spirit Monday, even during the Bearcat football team's practice. Northwest started its spring practices two weeks ago in preparation for the spring game April 12.

SPRING

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great."

With the Dixon brothers slated for their pro day at Missouri Western Friday in an attempt to lure NFL teams to put them on their roster, the Bearcats are left with a big hole at the two corner spots. Will-be junior cornerback Tyshaan Alleyne has caught Dorrel's eye as the Blue Springs (Mo.) product tries to start for the Bearcats this year. Dorrel also may or may not tinker with some positions to fill the void of the Dixon brothers.

"We're doing some good stuff," Dorrel said. "Tyshaan Alleyne is doing really good. The coaches moved

Bryce Enyard from safety to corner. I don't know if that is a permanent move or not, but those two players really stick out in my mind right now."

Alleyne filled in as the Bearcats' backup cornerback during the team's title run last season, as well as filling in for Brian Dixon when the senior went down with a high ankle sprain. The junior realizes he and the rest of the defensive backs need to step up with the goal of getting back to the national championship.

"I feel like my job is to earn the trust of my teammates and ensure them that the absence of the Dixons will not be noticed," Alleyne said. "To stay at the top, we need to raise our level of play, because not only do we have the target on our back in the

MIAA, but by all teams in the country."

Dorrel said that, obviously, the goal for spring ball is to get better, but he really wants to develop the depth more this year. He knows that he has 22 returning seniors, but he thinks some of the younger athletes have a chance to play prominent roles on this year's team.

"Every one of our 22 seniors can get better, certainly," Dorrel said. "But on the flip side of that, our redshirt freshmen and sophomores need to take that next step. We need some of those guys to fill into starting roles.

"But our main goal is to manage our seniors as far as their health. But guys are having fun, and I think that is really important in spring football."

CATS

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he put the program on his back and said, 'Hey coach, I got this.' He recruited pretty much everybody here."

Starzl emerged last season, when Cooper was redshirted after an ankle injury, as a dominant presence in the paint and carried the production into his senior season to finish his career with 1,155 points.

"Dillon Starzl is just a winner," McCollum said. "Every time he walks on the floor, he has a humble confidence that he just knows who he is."

McCollum described Williams as the heart of the squad, Schlake as the grandpa that kept everybody accountable and Funk as intense before he

donned the Bearcat green and white.

With expectations sky-high after three consecutive 20-win seasons, Cooper expects Northwest to keep living up to the newly-founded standards and expects an Elite Eight run.

The group that ground two titles in their tenure plan to remain tight, even though their lockers will be different.

"Besides basketball, we are friends and family," Funk said. "I know every team says that, and everyone always says they'll keep in touch, but I can literally say that this group of guys is the closest group of guys I've been with.

"It's a lot of fun to be around. These three or four days that we got to spend in Minnesota was just a blast. That's the main thing I'm sad about... that that's coming to an end."

SENIORS

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the game happen.

That's rarer than what people realize. Yeah, he will have the knees of 15-year veteran MLB catchers in a few years from constantly squatting, but you can tell the guys respond, knowing how much effort he puts in from the sidelines.

If the program stays at a high level for years to come (and I think it will), it will be because of coach Mac. Every player he brings in is a winner. He's a winner. They'll have no choice but to win.

While making sure they said the right things, McCollum let them be themselves, whether it was Matt Wallace showing up looking like Eminem one day to rocking a Fu Mattchu the next or letting Cooper announce they had a new nickname for Schneider—Snipe—at a press conference.

During interviews, the players would say the truth while making sure they didn't give up bulletin board material.

Cooper let you know how good he was, and Bryston Williams was always excited about something at all times—it was refreshing and made people want to read about them and watch them more.

While talking to the seniors and other upperclassmen, you could tell they knew they altered the program while the season was still going on.

If you had been to a men's basketball game three or four years ago, you had plenty of options for seating, and if the sounds of sneakers screeching didn't bother you, you could get some homework done.

This season, some of the games were standing room only. The Northwest student body and Maryville community embraced this team because it did things the right way.

McCollum once said he would almost rather play on the road than in an empty home gym, but he won't have to worry about that for a while.

In a few years, the athletics department should hang up a No. 2 banner from the rafters in Bearcat Arena, and the gym will be packed to see it happen because of what this team did.

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NW BASEBALL		
MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Central Okla.....	16-4	12-4
Central Mo.....	14-9	11-5
Emporia St.....	14-7	10-6
NORTHWEST.....	12-8	8-5
Nebraska Kearney.....	15-8	9-7
Mo. Southern.....	14-8	9-7
Washburn.....	9-9	9-7
Southwest Baptist.....	10-10	8-7
Lindenwood.....	9-12	6-6
Pitt. St.....	8-12	7-9
Mo. Western.....	9-11	6-8
Northeastern St.....	9-13	6-10
Fort Hays.....	5-14	4-12
Lincoln.....	2-14	0-12

March 21:
NORTHWEST at Fort Hays
Lindenwood at Southwest Baptist
Central Okla. at Mo. Western
Lincoln at Northeastern St.
Mo. Southern at Central Mo.
Washburn at Pitt. State

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL		
MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	24-4	7-0
Savannah.....	14-10	4-2
Chillicothe.....	14-10	3-2
Smithville.....	13-13	4-3
Bishop LeBlond.....	15-12	2-3
Benton.....	4-20	2-5
MARYVILLE.....	6-18	2-6
Cameron.....	5-21	1-4

March 21:
Farmington vs. Lafayette

NW SOFTBALL		
MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	22-5	8-0
Central Okla.....	19-7	8-0
Northeastern St.....	19-7	7-1
Washburn.....	11-5	7-3
Fort Hays.....	15-8	5-3
Central Mo.....	10-8	5-3
Lindenwood.....	7-10	3-3
Mo. Western.....	14-10	4-6
Mo. Southern.....	8-14	2-4
NORTHWEST.....	8-13	3-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-14	2-6
Southwest Baptist.....	6-16	2-8
Pitt. St.....	11-8	0-4
Lincoln.....	2-17	0-8

March 21:
NORTHWEST vs. Concordia
NORTHWEST vs. Wayne State
Fort Hays at Northeastern St.
Pitt. State at Emporia St.
Nebraska-Kearney at Central Okla.
Northern State at Mo. Western

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL		
MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	23-6	6-1
Cameron.....	24-6	5-2
Benton.....	20-8	5-2
Chillicothe.....	16-7	5-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	17-8	3-4
Lafayette.....	17-9	3-4
MARYVILLE.....	7-21	1-7
Savannah.....	5-16	1-7

March 21:
Dexter vs. Benton

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Soccer opens 1st season under Reuter next week

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Rolling into the 2014 season behind a new head coach and a strong core of players, one of Maryville’s top athletic programs is ready to open its schedule.

The Spoofohound girls soccer team will kick off its opening game at 4:30 p.m. March 24 at home against Kansas City Lutheran, followed directly by a road tilt the following day at Cameron to start the conference slate.

Playing back-to-back days at any point in the season is tough, but first-year head coach Dale Reuter said it is especially difficult to do in the first week of the year.

“That’s not going to be easy for the girls to play a good opponent, such as Lutheran, and then turn around the next day and travel to Cameron and start our conference schedule right off the bat,” Dale Reuter said.

Maryville has a few weeks of practice under its belt and is ready to get underway in real action, but a few more days of preparation on the home turf in nice weather would help, Dale Reuter said.

“I believe we’ll be well-prepared Monday and Tuesday for our first conference game, but we need some good weather to get us outside and on the soccer field to get used to getting the ball at our feet and playing on our field,” Dale Reuter said.

The Spoofohounds will stick primarily to a base 4-4-2 formation, with four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards. However, Dale Reuter plans to throw a

changeup at times by switching to a 4-3-3 with more offensive options, or a 4-2-3-1, playing either sophomore forward Mollie Holtman or senior forward Ashton Reuter at the top.

“If we play a real strong defense opponent, I would probably look at Ashton up there,” Dale Reuter said. “If we’re looking more for a finesse team, not as physical, probably Mollie ... It probably depends a lot on what the opponent gives us.”

Maryville beat Kansas City Lutheran 7-2 in last season’s opening contest, but Dale Reuter does not see this year’s kickoff as an easy win.

“I look at K.C. Lutheran to give us a really good test,” Dale Reuter said. “They’re consistent and have a good team. Getting them early on in the year, they may not be as well-prepared as a lot of teams are ... I believe in that first game last year, doing what we did and what we were able to do, I think they’ll be more prepared this year.

“I believe that’s a good litmus test for us.”

Tuesday’s matchup with the Dragons pits the reigning MEC champion Spoofohounds against a Cameron team that finished last season 2-13. That statistic does not deter Dale from wanting to start conference play on the right note.

“Cameron is one of those teams that you just can’t count out,” Dale Reuter said. “They’ve been weak in the past and shown signs of improvement. This year, the word is around the conference that Chillicothe and Cameron are going to make a run for it this year.”



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Mollie Holtman takes a touch at Maryville practice March 18. Holtman will star as one of the Spoofohounds’ key players under head coach Dale Reuter.

’Hounds split warmup pair at Cameron

DAULTON PERRY

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With the season opener set for March 25, the Maryville baseball team is slightly more settled following a pair of exhibition games March 17.

The Spoofohounds split their two exhibition games against Cameron and Plattsburg in a jamboree setting, which consisted of two 4-inning games.

Senior Isaac Bledsoe pitched the first two innings of the first game and had five strikeouts. The Spoofohound offense could not find any gaps in the defense, leaving seven men on base through the four innings against Cameron in a loss.

“Since it was a jamboree, we tried using that as an extra practice to get our guys in and get them some experience,” head coach Matt Houchin said.

In game two, junior Jarret Cronin pitched the first two innings and gave up a couple of runs early off of some defensive errors, but then settled in. Junior Mitchell Worthington pitched a scoreless third inning. Sophomore Kade Allenbrand finished the game for the Spoofohounds and struck out two in his scoreless inning in a win over Plattsburg.

“Our hitting finally came around in game two, and with it being a jamboree, we had a different starting lineup,” Houchin said. “I put our starters back in there in the fourth inning to get one last at bat to try and get some quality at bats, and I was very pleased with that.”

Houchin and his squad of 16 players, including six seniors, are ready to get the real action underway.

“This team is built to compete. I don’t see us not being in every game. I think we are going to be right there in every game,” Houchin said. “Hopefully, we can do a little better in the MEC after going 1-6 in the conference last season.”

“However, I like our team’s work ethic, and I like how, when someone makes an error, they are right there to pick each other up. They stay positive with each other.”

Maryville was inconsistent last year as it struggled throughout the middle of the season, but finished strong toward the end and into tournament play.

“Consistency is going to be our biggest obstacle. We got to be able to put everything together consistently, not only from an offensive standpoint, but defensively,” Houchin said. “We have to be able to be mentally tough when we do get into jams and minimize the damage and get things taken care of.”

Golf program increasing participation, seeing results

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Maryville boys’ golf is not sweating the 12 seniors lost from a team that went to sectionals last year. As the Spoofohounds continue to find success, the golf course will continue to draw competitors.

“We have a lot of success on the golf team,” junior Hagen Snow said. “People want to be a part of something, and they like playing golf, so they decide to come out for the team.

“(The number of golfers) is definitely growing. Every year, more freshmen keep coming in, and we just keep getting more golfers, and it’s a good thing.”

In fact, there are eight freshmen competing for the final two varsity spots. The other three spots belong

to Snow, senior Dustin Wolters and sophomore Hunter Hayes.

“There’s never too many kids,” head coach Brenda Ricks said. “Sometimes there are some issues in managing that. But with all of the freshmen coming out this year ... we have a state title on our mind.”

Ricks can only do so much with the vast amount of numbers. She works with the golfers, but also has to plan tournaments, accommodations and generate money in order to compete in tournaments. This is where Kyle Easter has added a significant boost to the program.

Easter works as a golf pro at Mozingo, helping golfers perfect their swings. He has now been added as an assistant coach, or as Ricks said, the team’s swing coach. His ability to work with each athlete is leaving an impres-

sion on the program.

“It’s a huge impact,” Ricks said. “He can work with the boys and he can just watch their swing and pick up just the little things that can get them straightened out, so it’s a huge asset to have.

“He doesn’t stop at one thing. He’s good enough to know what to fix and give them a couple of things to think about.”

Along with Easter, plenty of youngsters are flocking to the greens at Mozingo. Golf is in the air in Maryville as we near spring, and the golf team offers students an opportunity to get out and play.

“Working (at Mozingo), you see a lot of different kids coming out and playing golf pretty frequently during the summer to get some practice in,” Wolters said. “Then they come out for

the golf team and get even more practice in.”

Yet it goes beyond practice as the ’Hounds take on lofty expectations, such as their first state title since 2001 in Ricks’ seventh season as the boys’ head coach.

“A lot of the freshmen coming out can play,” Hayes said. “And Hagen and Dustin are playing pretty well right now. Hopefully, they can keep it up through the whole season and we can do pretty good and go pretty far.”

And as the Spoofohounds continue to raise the bar, Snow said Maryville golf finds itself on the map as another contending program within the city.

“The way we’ve been playing the last few years has really stepped up golf’s name in Maryville,” Snow said.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Blake Hardegree



Junior catcher Blake Hardegree lifted Northwest to a 4-3 win over William Jewell Tuesday afternoon with his first collegiate home run, a three-run dinger in the seventh inning.

Taylor Gard



Junior Taylor Gard tied for third individually, shooting a two-round score of 162, in the Fort Hays Spring Thaw Invite in Mesa, Ariz. on Monday and Tuesday.

DeShaun Cooper



Northwest’s fourth-leading scorer of all-time, senior DeShaun Cooper, finished his final collegiate game with 24 points, shooting 8-of-20 from the field, in a loss to Central Missouri.

Chantel Adams



Freshman shortstop Chantel Adams finished Northwest’s doubleheader against Central Missouri with four hits in five at bats, adding three runs, one RBI and one walk.



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Tennis teams will travel south for weekend sets

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The Bearcat tennis teams will head down to Oklahoma as students head home for Spring Break this weekend.

The men's team is in for a competitive weekend when it faces East Central Oklahoma and BYU-Hawaii.

"It's a big weekend," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "BYU-Hawaii has typically been a very tough matchup for us."

While the men's team sits at 6-1 this spring, Rosewell did have questions about the way the team competed in its doubles matches. That was until the Bearcats dominated in St. Louis, defeating Missouri-St. Louis 6-0 and Lewis University (Ill.) 5-0 in all phases of the game.

"If I were to pick one weakness of the team, it would have been the way we're playing doubles," Rosewell said. "But I'd say we answered those questions last weekend. We're really playing well right now."

Something the women's team is lacking right now is depth, with senior Camila Quesada out with a torn ACL. The men find strength in that if one of their players has to bow out, the team can still keep going strong.

"We have 15 guys that are all good," Rosewell said. "That's what is great about this team. If one of them goes down, then we can use whoever we want to fill in."

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Mark Rosewell

With Quesada out for the season for the women's team, it is left with only seven other athletes to fill in. Rosewell said that is the obvious problem with the team right now.

Despite the women's team lacking depth, it boosted its record to 6-5 after beating Missouri Western March 18. One athlete who stuck out to Rosewell was senior Alexis Bartek. With Quesada gone for the season, Bartek is the lone senior.

"She played extremely well in the doubles matches," Rosewell said. "And she followed it up with good play here in the singles."

Bartek also split her results, along with the team, when they traveled to St. Louis last weekend. The Bearcats defeated Missouri-St. Louis 5-2 and then fell to Lewis University (Ill.) 5-1. Bartek won both doubles and singles against Missouri-St. Louis, but then lost both to Lewis University (Ill.).

The women's team will travel to Oklahoma with the boys and will take on Northeastern Oklahoma State and East Central Oklahoma this weekend.

"Any game that is a conference game is extremely important," Rosewell said. "We just need to get better. And I think we're doing that. If you told me that we finished above .500 at the end of the season, I would say that it was a good season."

The Bearcat women also played Lincoln yesterday, but the results of that match were unavailable as of press time.



BEN LAWSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman Lorena Rivas Jarolim sets up for a return against Missouri Western March 18. The Northwest women came away with a win over the rival Griffons and travel to Oklahoma this weekend.

Late homer lifts baseball over nonconference opponent

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After its weekend struggles, the Northwest baseball team looks to gain back the momentum it lost in an upcoming series against conference foe Fort Hays in a four-game series beginning Friday.

The Bearcats (12-8, 8-5) tried to erase the memory of seeing their seven-game winning streak fall by the wayside after being swept at home by Southwest Baptist. They responded well Tuesday with a 4-3 comeback victory over nonconference opponent William Jewell thanks to a late-inning home run.

Northwest used five pitchers in the game to earn the victory. Junior Kole Klocko started by tossing three innings and allowing a three-run home run in the top of the third. The Bearcats' pitching staff kept William Jewell (5-7) off the scoreboard after that. Sophomore Andrew Trout earned the win in relief, going three innings.

"I thought all of our pitchers threw well today," head coach Darin Loe said. "Kole Klocko started and gave up two walks and a home run, but if you erase that, we pitched really well."

"We got some guys in there that haven't been getting a lot of opportu-

nities, and they did a nice job."

Trailing 3-1, the bats for Northwest came around in the bottom of the seventh. Freshman Zack Ferreira and senior outfielder Jon Pomatto began the inning with singles. Junior first baseman Steve Garber followed with a sacrifice bunt that moved the runners to second and third.

With one out, junior catcher Blake Hardegree stepped to the plate. Needing at least an outfield single to score both runners and tie the game, Hardegree answered one better, sending a pitch over the left field wall for a home run, the first of his collegiate career.

"I thought the two hits before

(the home run) were big," Loe said. "You're just hoping Blake gets a single and you can tie the ballgame. He put a really good swing on it, and it went a really long way. It was just a huge momentum swing at that point and a big hit for us."

That momentum carried the Bearcats the final two innings for a 4-3 win. Pomatto came to the mound in the ninth, earning his second save of the season.

Northwest plays against Fort Hays, with first pitch at 5 p.m., Friday in Hays, Kan. They follow with a doubleheader Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday's final game is also slotted for 1 p.m.

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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

The Northwest men's basketball team walks off the court after senior guard DeShaun Cooper's half-court attempt drew back iron in the Central Region championship against Central Missouri. The Bearcats finished the season as co-MIAA regular-season champions with the Mules.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard DeShaun Cooper rises up over Central forward Dillon Deck for the three.

'Cats fall in regional championship tilt

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With one game standing between an Elite Eight appearance and going home, Northwest fell one shot, one point and one injury away from moving on in the big dance.

Trailing 60-59 in overtime, senior guard DeShaun Cooper released a half-court prayer that bounced off the back of the rim, and Central Missouri left Mankato, Minn. as the Central Region champions.

"I thought it was cash," Cooper said. "I thought it was pretty good, but I guess it wasn't meant to be."

A lower leg injury to senior forward Dillon Starzl in the first four minutes of the contest put North-

west in an unusual place—without a low-post presence.

Starzl did not return to the game and remained on the bench with ice on the back of his foot, and it took the Bearcats a while to adjust to their big man being banged up beyond the Xs and Os.

"It wasn't so much that we thought we couldn't win without Dillon, but he's our brother, and you could just see the concern on people's faces," senior guard Tyler Funk said. "That took a five-minute stretch before the guys kind of adjusted."

Despite the loss in the championship, the Bearcats put together an impressive run in the postseason tournament, including an upset of No. 1 seed Minnesota State-Mankato on its home court in the

second round.

"(We had to) just stick to the gameplan," Cooper said after the win. "We knew they were going to make a run. They are hosts of the region, and they had the home-crowd around them. We just had to keep doing what we were doing."

With the season coming to an end, Northwest will be without Cooper, Starzl, Funk, center Kyle Schlake and guard Bryston Williams next year, who were all critical to reviving the once floundering program.

"As a group, they set the bar very high, as far as our standards go," head coach Ben McCollum said. "I always say a good leader (is measured by) what the program does once you leave: Does it continue to grow, does it continue to

get better or does it get worse because of just a couple of people?"

"These guys made it better, and it will be better next year because of them."

Cooper ended his career with 1,726 career points—the fourth-highest total in the history of Northwest—and multiple individual accolades.

Beyond the scoring, Cooper helped construct the team that tallied 67 combined wins in the last three seasons.

"Obviously, nobody wanted him—he's 5'7"—except for us," McCollum said. "He was here for the two years when we were 12-15 and 10-16, and he put the program, obviously, everybody else helped, but

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Football prepares for national title defense with spring practices, game

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After storming to a 15-0 Division II National Championship last season, the Northwest football team is back to the grind, but missing a few of the title run's key cogs.

When spring practice started two weeks ago for the Bearcats, a new regime led the way due to the graduation of cornerbacks Brandon and Brian Dixon, as well as quarterback Trevor Adams, among others.

Head coach Adam Dorrel

said experienced will-be junior quarterback Brady Bolles is a bit rusty to start camp, but has done an good job stepping in as a leader.

"He is doing OK," Dorrel said. "I feel like he needs to complete some more passes right now, so that's the emphasis moving forward. I feel like his leadership right now is really good."

"He is really into practice and I think that is really important as a quarterback. His enthusiasm is

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BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN
A group of Northwest offensive linemen take part in drills during Monday's practice at Bearcat Stadium as head coach Adam Dorrel looks on. The Bearcats play their annual spring game April 12.

Senior class finishes epic 4-year run

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Sports Editor

As I was sitting on press row and DeShaun Cooper's half-court prayer was in midair, I thought it was cash, but it Gordon Hayward-ed off the back of the rim. As the ball bounced off the iron and fell to the floor, the game ended, but something else will live on for years to come.

As a journalist, when I cover games, I have to remain unbiased, although I'm a student at Northwest. With that being said, this was, hands down, my favorite team I have ever covered.

On the court, they played the game the right way—unselfish, defense-oriented basketball. Every player had a role and never tried to play outside of that. Cooper was going to score, Dillon Starzl was going to beast in the paint and kick to shooters, Tyler Funk was going to make your life hell when he was on the court and Zach Schneider was going to shoot threes...a lot.

Ben McCollum yanked his program from the depths of basketball purgatory and has been building it for five years. He has instilled an energy to his team that starts with him. While on the sidelines, he is constantly coaching. He is either yelling out plays or telling the guys what they should have done instead of sitting back and letting

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Softball faces final series of extensive road trip

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After two games yesterday against Rockhurst University, the Bearcat softball team will round out its 26-game road trip this weekend in St. Joseph.

Northwest has played road games exclusively up to this point and has stumbled to an 8-13 record, although it did sweep Rockhurst in the two-game set.

The team will look to improve its record with five games slated for the Missouri Western Crossover.

The Bearcats are still having trouble finishing games in the latter innings.

"We need to cut down on the mental mistakes and really focus on trying to be more consistent with our play," senior center fielder Jordan Ereth said.

"It seems we always start off games really strong, but then towards the end of games, we lose our focus and start to not play our game."

As the weather is warming up and the Bearcats' field becomes playable, head coach Ryan Anderson is looking forward to getting outside and being able to practice on an actual field and prepare his girls for more real-game situations.

"Being able to go outside can't hurt us," Anderson said. "We've been playing against all these teams that have been able to practice outside and work on game-like situations, whereas we have to get most of our work in downstairs in batting cages."

"Even when the weather is nice, our field still has been too sloppy and muddy from the snow. But I know once we are able to get out there, it will only

benefit us."

Northwest swept Southwest Baptist last weekend as junior pitcher Abbie Vitosh shut out the Baptist bats from the beginning and finished with a complete game shutout in the series opener. Freshman infielder Bailee Scarbrough recorded her second home run of the season to break the 0-0 tie and help lead the Bearcats to a 2-0 victory.

In game two, the Bearcats continued their long ball theme as junior infielder Stephanie Mark hit a two-run blast to put the Bearcats up 2-0 in the third inning. Baptist came back in the bottom of the fifth to tie the score at 2-2.

The game headed into extra innings until sophomore infielder Madison Jones hit her first home run in the top of the ninth to go ahead 3-2.

Northwest then traveled to Central Missouri and dropped two games against the Jennies 11-3 and 7-1. Freshman infielder Chantel Adams and senior third baseman Kristen Uthe both homered in game one, but it was not enough, as the Central Missouri scored in four of the seven innings to get the victory.

In the second contest, the Bearcats were only able to score one run against Central Missouri on a Scarbrough single that plated Adams from third base. The Jennies scored in the second and third innings and then in the sixth inning to seal the 7-1 victory.

Northwest will play Concordia, Wayne State, Northern State, St. Cloud State and Minnesota State-Mankato this weekend in St. Joseph. The five-game slate begins at 10 a.m. Friday with Concordia.

Northwest to open new Kansas City center

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In partnership with the city of Gladstone, Northwest is planning to open a new innovation center that will give students enhanced educational opportunities by allowing them to earn college credit.

Northwest, Maple Woods Community College and the North Kansas City School District came together to announce the partnership to build a new Northland Innovation Center in downtown Gladstone March 11.

The partnership will create a nontraditional educational experience for students who are eager to learn, become leaders and succeed in school, said Todd White, superintendent of North Kansas City School District.

“We’ve created partnerships to provide our students with enriched opportunities, to be embedded into the workforce and have the opportunity to learn and, more importantly, the opportunities to create a value to businesses,” White said in a press release March 11.

The Innovation Center asked for the help of Northwest and Maple Woods to move the process along. The partnership allows students to learn from college professors. The center will offer a hands-on experience to all students.

Brian Bechtel, associate dean of Maple Woods Community College, says that the city of Gladstone was approached by the Innovation Center along with five other school districts in the Kansas City area.

“The Innovation Center contacted the city of Gladstone,” Bechtel said. “Right now we have five districts using the center: Park Hill, Platte County, North Kansas City, Smithville and Kearney.”

The Northland Center of Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) provides higher education to students in a professional way. The center will provide dual credit classes through Northwest and Maple Woods Community College, Bechtel said.

“The courses are college-level and will be geared toward technology solutions, engineering and advanced manufacturing, healthcare and global business and entrepreneurship,” he said.

Bechtel said the biggest winners are the students who will take part in the program next fall.

“They have the ability to learn from the best,” Bechtel said. “They will get a hands-on experience from college professors. This is a once and in a lifetime opportunity.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO

An artists renderings of the new Northland Innovation Center in Gladstone. The partnership with Maple Woods Community College and North Kansas City School District will give students more ways to earn college credits.

Professor promotes early literacy through Reach Out and Read program

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Northwest professor Pradnya Patet is working with St. Francis Hospital physicians to rewrite the book on taking children to the doctor’s office.

Patet, assistant professor and coordinator of early childhood programs, hopes to kick off the new Reach out and Read program with six physicians and four nurses at St. Francis after Northwest’s Spring Break. The program promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about reading, specifically about reading out loud.

“I had worked with Southwest Human Development in Arizona,” Patet said. “I worked for them, and their agency coordinated about 50 clinics in the Phoenix area, so I got to go see those places and see firsthand what that program was all about.”

According to the Reach Out and Read website, the Reach out and Read co-founder described the program as a “simple solution to an obvious problem: waiting rooms without books.”

“Reading aloud was important for young children, and pediatricians had a special opportunity to reach their parents,” he said in his testimonial. “It was a patently good idea. But if it had been nothing more than that,

it would have withered away. Instead, Reach Out and Read had grown, nurtured by the passionate and inspired efforts of many – educators, doctors, volunteers, parents, corporations, foundations and politicians.”

When Patet arrived at Northwest, she immediately saw the potential for continuing the program to help not only children and families, but students in the early childhood program.

“After getting here and looking at how our early childhood program is designed and what we need to do to get practical experience, I thought it would be a perfect match,” she said. “If students are involved in the actual sorting out of the books, you learn so much more about literacy mile-

stones instead of just talking about it in class.”

The program will be coordinated within Northwest education classes, most likely beginning with Family and Community Resources, according to Patet.

She believed the way the community came together to support this program was eye-opening and heartwarming.

After the implementation of the program became known, various community sources, both individual and organizational, contributed donations to help with the start-up cost and purchasing of materials.

“Any time you’re working with early childhood, you have to realize

you’re not just working with the child and not just the family either,” Patet said. “There’s the child, family and community, which is what we emphasize through our course work... If we don’t grow communities, we aren’t going to get our children ready.”

Patet said the debate will continue as to whether children should be ready for the classroom or the classroom should be ready for the children, but believes there should be a third component.

“The community should be ready, too, so there should be a system to get that child ready,” she said.

Missouri receives Lumina grant, expands transfer credit library

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Transfer students have an opportunity to earn their associate’s degree while working toward a higher degree, thanks to Missouri’s reverse transfer program.

The Lumina Foundation, an organization striving to increase the number of Americans with higher-education degrees and certificates,

recognized Missouri with a grant that will help institutions get the reverse transfer program started.

The program will allow students to transfer credits from a four-year university to a two-year college, so they can obtain an associate’s degree. Credits can also be transferred to a four-year university from a two-year college, allowing students with an associate’s degree to continue working toward their bachelor’s degree.

“The reverse transfer program could really help students who transfer from a two-year to a four-year college or vice-versa,” Coleman said.

Starting next fall semester, transfer students at all two and four-year colleges and institutions will be eligible to participate in the program.

There are no time restrictions on the transfer, so non-traditional students can take advantage of the program as well.

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Maryville turns out for The Palms 27th annual World’s Shortest St. Patrick’s Day Parade



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Juniors Mat Pierce and James Heaton look on during The Palms 27th annual World’s Shortest St. Patrick’s Day Parade March 17. Once dubbed a Guinness World Record, the parade is held each year between Fourth Street and Fifth Street on Buchanan Street. This year’s parade ran approximately 84 feet.

State abortion bills could affect lone Missouri clinic

SHANE STEELEY
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The Missouri state congress is considering 32 anti-choice bills which would affect the state’s lone abortion clinic in St. Louis.

One bill up for consideration in the Senate, HB 1307, would require women to wait three days after meeting with a doctor to receive an abortion. Among the other bills is a measure that would require anyone under the age of 18 seeking an abortion to notify both parents as well as wait five days before moving forward with the abortion.

A man who is in full support of many of the measures is David Oddi, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church pastor.

“I would be for both those pieces of legislation. To me, a child is a gift from God at the moment of conception. We think less about what I consider the improper taking of the life of a child than the death penalty,” Oddi said. “I am unashamedly pro-life. It is not ridiculous to ask someone to wait when it comes to a decision like this.”

When it comes to the funding of abortion clinics, Oddi feels government money can be spent in better ways.

“I would be OK if we took all funding from places that perform abortion,” Oddi said.

Pamela Sumners, the executive director of the Missouri chapter of NARAL Pro-Choice America, dis-

agrees with Oddi’s stance and feels these laws are unhelpful and disrespectful to women and Missourians.

“It doesn’t do anything for the women of Missouri. Positive or necessary,” Sumners said. “You know you are pregnant. You know that and have reflected on that before your appointment.

I just don’t know how stupid our legislators think we are.”

Sumners also thinks it is illogical for Americans to vote on rights.

“We don’t play with other people’s rights, or at least we shouldn’t, in this country,” Sumners said. “We aren’t supposed to have people vote on these kinds of things.”

She also thinks the other major bill that passed, HB 1192, which requires minors to notify both parents or guardians, undermines the bigger issue of family discussion and having a healthy dialogue.

“I wish we could legislate healthy family discussion. There aren’t people like Ozzy and Harriet who are perfect parents,” Sumners said. “Children need to be protected by parents who are not the best. You have to worry about a parent who says ‘I’m going to kick you out, beat you senseless or say I don’t love you’ after they get pregnant.”

With both HB 1307 and 1192 making it through the House in an overwhelming majority, abortion rights could be radically changed in the state of Missouri.

Local student named to Missouri Scholar 100 for academic work

MOLLY BRYAN
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Excellent is one way to describe Maryville High School senior McKenzie Wallace. Missouri Scholar 100 award winner is another.

Missouri Scholars 100 is a statewide program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals that selects 100 of the state’s most prestigious students nominated by schools across Missouri.

“More. More. More is the best word that sums up what I see in McKenzie Wallace,” said Becky Houtchens, Maryville High School Guidance Counselor. “McKenzie is more than a high ACT score, more than a perfect GPA, more than a record-holding athlete.

In my 15 years of working as an educator in the public schools, I have not often come across a student of McKenzie’s caliber.”

Houtchens has been Wallace’s guidance counselor throughout her high school career and has worked closely with her.

Wallace was selected and will be recognized for this honor April 27 in Columbia. The decathlon requirements are that the student have a minimum GPA of 3.75, a minimum ACT score of 29, be ranked in the top 10 percent of the class and have taken upper-level courses in mathematics, science, English and foreign language. The student also has to have an exceptional attendance record, be a proactive school citizen and be involved in extracurricular activities.

Once the decathlon standards are

met, the student can apply to get into the Missouri Scholar 100. And Wallace did just that.

Not all colleges are extremely choosy, but in Wallace’s case, they are as selective as they come. A few of Wallace’s future education possibilities are schools such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Creighton and Tulane.

“I want a college with research opportunities for undergraduate studies,” Wallace said. “I want to go to medical school, and I am leaning toward neuroscience and specializing in neurosurgery. I have always enjoyed studying the nervous system in school.

“I did a phone interview with Dennis Spencer, who is the head of neuroscience at Yale, and he came from Bedford, Iowa. It really sparked my interest in the profession, especially since he came from a small town and became so successful.”

On top of being an outstanding student, Wallace has made her mark on Maryville by being a cross country and track star, president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Octagon and Leo club, which is a community service-focused organization associated with Optimist International and Lions Club International.

“I have often encountered a student that had excellent academic ability and performance, or a student that had amazing athletic talent, or a student that was welcomed as a positive influence and leader by classmates and teachers,” Houtchens said. “It is not often, though, that one student exhibits all of those qualities. McKenzie is an example of such a student.”

Editor’s Note:

The Northwest Missourian provided each of the three candidates running for Maryville’s City Council with an equal opportunity to interview with the same questions. Each candidate was asked equally to contribute for a three-part series profiling each candidate. Full stories and video interviews can be seen at nwmissourinews.com.


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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
The Northwest men's basketball team huddles together before the tip off of the Central Region championship game against Central Missouri. The Bearcats fell to the Mules 60-59 in overtime.

OUR VIEW: Bearcat athletics' victories help put Northwest on map

Although the Northwest basketball team saw its season and surprising postseason run come to an abrupt end Tuesday night in Mankato, Minn., head coach Ben McCollum and his team gave us all something special.

People from any random place might not be able to tell you where Northwest Missouri State is, but if they can, it would most likely be due to the renowned success of the Bearcat football team and its four national championships. Maryville and its citizens can claim this University as their darling - brag about where they come from, even - all due to former football coach Mel Tjeerdsma and the program he built.

But every little slice of athletic success helps in multiple ways.

The two upset victories the Bearcat basketball team accom-

plished over the weekend against Winona State and Minnesota State-Mankato may not linger in our minds forever, but they do resonate - at least for now - in the minds of potential students. Successful athletic endeavors put schools on the map and give people information to attach to a name.

The Bearcats winning basketball games may not directly correlate to a rise in attendance or applications to attend the University, but "Northwest Missouri State" is now recognizable to more people, at least in Minnesota, for a reason other than football.

Any extracurricular excellence makes Northwest appear to be the well-rounded institution that it truly is, especially an event with as much exposure as the NCAA Division II Tournament. The men's and women's

tennis teams have combined to win 19 MIAA championships since head coach Mark Rosewell arrived in 1984. The women's basketball team made a run to the Final Four in 2011. Even the women's golf team has supplied some recognition in the past few seasons in individual awards for Cassie Lowell and Steph Charteris.

So while the folks in Maryville are probably wishing the 60-59 overtime loss at the hands of Central Missouri would have gone the other direction, this year's Bearcats did something special.

Northwest can thank seniors DeShaun Cooper, Dillon Starzl, Kyle Schlake, Bryston Williams and Tyler Funk for a run that can never be taken away.

CAMPUS TALK

What are your plans for Spring Break?



"I'm staying at a friend's condominium in Florida right on the beach."

Brooke Fullbright
Mass Media



"Probably going to wash my car and work on my 1980 Camaro as well."

David Nguyen
Computer Science



"I'm going home, and I'm just going relax for a week and do nothing."

Maddie Kofer
Psychology/Sociology



"I'm going to Chicago. My cousin is having a baby, so I'm excited for that."

Sydney Broner
Elementary Ed.



"I'm going to Destin, Fla. with some friends and I can't wait."

Taylor Wharton
Math Education

Psychedelic drug studies show promise



JACK OTIS
Contributing Columnist

Psychedelic drug research for medical purposes seems shocking to some. How can giving a person LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide), or any other psychoactive drug, possibly be beneficial to your health? You might be surprised.

Medical research involving psychedelic drugs began as early as 1897, using psilocybin, otherwise known as "magic mushrooms." Using new discoveries, including the discovery of LSD by Albert Hoffman in 1943, researchers and doctors from all fields utilized these new drugs in 700 ground-breaking studies before 1972. These studies showed that some psychoactive drugs were effective in treating a large array of diseases.

Most notable is a study done from 1967 to 1972 by Stanislav Grof on terminal cancer patients. Grof's study showed that using LSD, along with psychotherapy, could help patients with symptoms of depression, tension, anxiety, sleep disturbances, psychological withdraw and even extreme pain.

Unfortunately, research was halted in most of the U.S. in the early 1970s when recreational use of the drug became popular within the "hippie" counter-culture movement. A negative stigma was applied to the drug, and for 30 years, psychedelic

drug research came to a grinding halt as the federal government placed LSD under the schedule one drug classification. This determined that the drug had no redeeming medicinal value.

In the early 2000s, research started again, but it has been very slow-moving. LSD is still classified as a schedule one narcotic, which means studies using LSD or psilocybin don't receive much research money - a fact some call detrimental to what they believe are life-changing studies.

Charles Grob of the University of California at Los Angeles is one of the few scientists still working in the field of psychedelic research. Almost none of his research money comes from the government or health organizations; instead, he receives funds from private donors excited about the future of psychoactive medicine.

Quite frankly, we need more private donors, especially to medical fields that the general population has a hard time grasping. With each new study conducted, one theme seems to stick concerning LSD research: it's great as a tool of relaxation, stress management and end-of-life care. Early studies seem to show little to no unwanted side effects when the drug is administered properly and the patient is observed by a licensed health-care professional.

We cannot, as a society, shun a sometimes misused drug just because we don't like the people who are misusing it. We made that mistake for the last 100 years with marijuana and have just now started to discover the redeeming medical qualities the plant

has to offer.

Marijuana has offered relief to some who thought relief would never come. A special case is with a strand of marijuana called Charlotte's Web. This special strain was created for a young girl who had more than three hundred seizures a day, each one damaging her developing mind more and more.

This new strain of marijuana that was created for her contains massive amounts of a cannabinoid called CBD and only a tiny fraction of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana that gets you high). Treatment with marijuana lowered her total seizures in a day down to three and, some days, to none at all. The effect the strain has on the brain is also showing promising results in studies concerning brain activity disorders like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, epilepsy and many others.

We must always exercise caution when testing any new treatment. It could turn out that LSD research doesn't pan out for one reason or another. However, don't we owe it to ourselves and to those whom psychedelics might help to at least try? Shouldn't we question and push our understanding in hopes of a cure? We lost out on 100 years of medical research that could have potentially saved lives just because of smear campaigns to convince us that marijuana makes you crazy.

We cannot allow this to happen again with psychedelic drugs. Please, for those it might help, keep an open mind and an open heart.

Avoid returning hate spread by Phelps and Westboro



SHANE STEELEY
Chief Reporter

It is bizarre for me to write this, but as he spends his last hours on his death bed, I am writing an obituary for Fred Phelps. I felt this necessary to write due to my background, but I will get to that later. I will not weep for him, nor will I cheer for his passing.

Phelps was a man who caused great derision and was widely hated by many groups in America. He rose to infamy by protesting the funerals of U.S. soldiers - an action Phelps and other members of the Westboro Baptist Church mulled over, but ultimately decided against, for the funeral of a man I considered like my brother, Army Private First Class Jordan House.

Phelps was, at one time, a good man - a man who fought the segregationist policies of the Topeka Board of Housing as a lawyer. Many black Kansans put him on a pedestal until he went off the deep end.

The hatred Americans feel for Phelps rivals that for Hitler, and honestly, I feel it is unwarranted. He destroyed lives and he hurt people, but what he gave us as a people was someone to aspire not to be. Many people discussed the idea of protesting his funeral, but there will be no funeral for Phelps due to the Westboro Baptist Church's beliefs. However, if there was one, you should avoid protesting it. Humanity can be better served than by giving this man another 15 minutes of fame.

One thing he taught Americans was that God hates. While I am not a religious man, if God exists, I don't see him hating anyone, even Phelps. To love Fred Phelps is to embrace God better than he ever did in his almost 90 years on this planet. To say you hope he was able to say goodbye to the people who are going to miss him, no matter how small a number that

may be, is being as kind as you can ever be. What Edward Furlong said in American History X is true: "Hate is baggage," and it was carry-on luggage that Phelps had to hold in his lap for the entirety of his life.

While Phelps did many bad things, the good that can be seen is unbelievable. He made people who always fight, side with each other. He got staunch atheists to respect Christians, along with having them look at their beliefs in a more critical way, he was able to get the ACLU to side with Klansmen, and he even was able to get people to come out in droves to show love and compassion to cities like Sandy Hook and Littleton.

He unified people in the country, but instead of unifying around hatred we need to unify around love. Pass the love on to our fellow Americans and to the Phelps family in their time of need. This is how we show our humanity; we show it to those who lack it.

Phelps leaves behind six children. Nathan and Shirley are the two most well known of the Phelps children. Nathan works as an author, gay rights activist and public speaker. Phelps' daughter, Shirley, is a lawyer who is expected to be the front runner as the successor of the church that excommunicated Fred roughly a year ago. The final grand gesture: to be eaten by the monster you created.

So rest in peace, Fred Phelps. I hope that death gives you peace and the world will let your hate die with you. I hope I will be able to spend as much time on Earth spreading peace and love as you did spreading hate and bigotry.

I conclude this obituary with a quote by Mr. Rogers. He said, "You know, I think everybody longs to be loved and longs to know that he or she is lovable. And, consequently, the greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving."

Minimum wage increases are not the answer for country's problems



ASHTON RAFFETY
Contributing Columnist

The minimum wage conversation has been in the limelight recently. President Obama made an executive order mandating that all federally contracted employees must be paid at least \$10.10 an hour.

A Missouri Senate committee just passed legislation that would increase Missouri's minimum wage to \$10 and hour by 2015, and awaits floor debate.

I have no problem with President Barack Obama's executive order. Prevailing wage theory is the idea that higher-paid employees perform better and have a much lower employee turnover rate, leading to less resources invested in training new people.

I do have a problem with minimum wage laws forcing private businesses to value a service at a specific cost. Sixty percent of people who make minimum wage in the U.S. are teenagers. The idea that every wage must be a livable wage is wrong.

Not everyone needs to make enough money to support a family of four, such as the 60 percent of people

earning the minimum wage. Even when the minimum wage increases, it only gives those making minimum wage a short term gain because everything gets more expensive as a result, including the cost of our education here at Northwest.

Student Senate and the Board of Regents just approved an increase in our minimum wage fee in light of the 2014 minimum wage increase in Missouri from \$7.35 to \$7.50. So, while people will be making more, they will also be paying more. Tying the minimum wage to inflation or to the consumer price index is especially dangerous because the inflation rate is not an exact science.

The basket of goods rule that is used does not take into account a couple of things. One of those is the option for consumers not to buy what is in that basket and instead buy substitutes of those items, which leads to discrepancies in buying power.

I do not want to come off as libertarian, but in this case, we should let the free market decide wages. As a nation, we should invest heavily in opportunities for people to obtain new and desirable skills and make those opportunities easily accessible so a higher education does not come with \$30,000 of debt.

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Students celebrate T.O.’s birthday



Students gathered at the Memorial Bell Tower Wednesday to celebrate Tomarken Smith's birthday with a balloon release.

COMMON

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aren't our problem for the state of Missouri.”

Wall discussed this issue, believing a “loss of localized education decision-making and fewer opportunities for local school boards to influence policy, education and curriculum” would not occur.

“The Common Core standards are nationally agreed upon ways to demonstrate that all students can think, write and work with mathematical concepts at a higher level,” Wall said.

For Bahr, the issue of being a guinea pig for these new standards was not an acceptable idea, and he appeared determined to shelter Missouri from the oncoming gale.

“My concern is that these standards may be better, or they may not be,” Bahr said. “There’s no proof they’re going to be better for our state and our kids. We’re the Show-Me State. I think we should be shown. Let other states go down this path a couple years and see, are they better standards?”

Wall said he testified before the Missouri Joint Committee on Education about the “fundamental misunderstanding about the difference between a standard and a curriculum.”

“How you get there is the curriculum: what students learn and how they go about learning it,” he said.

“Conversely, great teaching has been and always will be about bringing greatness out of our students’ hearts and minds. The Common Core will help great teachers become even more effective. We should honor that, not repeal it.”

PILOT

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“These people are actually looking, and you're saying ‘I wonder if they’re going to hire me later in life,’” Drummond explained. “You have to be on your game. You have to be able to run around, know everything you’ve been taught.”

“It was just putting everything I’ve learned here in a real-world environment, which really helped me see what the actual industry is like.”

The experience was stressful and daunting at times, but Parsons drank in the experience.

“They were really understanding and knew I was a college student, so they were teaching me as we were going,” he said. “I got to work the ins and outs of their cameras, and at one point, they were running out of time and the producer was like we have to be right here, right now.”

“He turned to me and said, ‘you know how to run this camera?’ It was one of our cameras, so I did. He told me to come back in 30 minutes, go shoot the town. They trusted me, this guy they met two days ago, and they trusted me to do this for them.”

That instance would turn out to not be the last time Parsons picked up a camera for the production company.

“What Discovery Channel said is, ‘we’re going to green light a pilot, we’re going to pay for you guys to make a pilot,’ and they’ve been working on it, developing a story and characters and everything,” he said. “I got a call from them, and they wanted me to come back and work with them. I’ll have my name on the credits of a pilot if it airs.”

Parsons said the aspect of observing, learning and passing on the

knowledge is one of his favorite things about the job.

“This is what I want to do for a living,” he said. “This is more film related, but it’s so eye-opening to know you’re working with people who are industry professionals, and them telling you you’re doing a good job is really awesome for you. I don’t regret any part of it; I loved every second of it.”

Even though he was working with industry professionals, there were times the professionalism fell away and a bit of ribbing came out among the crew.

“They would play jokes on me, little pranks,” he said, laughing. “I just took it as, it’s a first job, you have to be ready for everything.”

Parsons and Drummond could not disclose the exact topic of the show, but Parsons gave a few hints.

“Kansas City, cops and robbers... it’s in the style of shows like ‘Amish Mafia,’ scripted reality, but I can’t give away characters or anything like that,” he said.

Both students said Northwest has prepared them well and expressed gratitude and excitement for the future having had this experience.

“I don’t feel like I’m going in blind because I’ve seen how it works,” Drummond said. “I felt prepared because I knew a lot of the camera equipment and the terms. I also feel like I used to be a quiet person, and I’ve come out of my shell a lot here.”

Drummond said you can’t be quiet in scenarios like that because “if you’re quiet, you’re not noticed.”

Parsons will graduate in May and said this experience prepared him for graduate school options.

“I got an interview at Florida State for their film school,” he explained. “I

should know this week if I got in or not. The people from the production company actually wrote a letter of recommendation for me, so hopefully, it turns out I’m one of the 24 people to make this program out of the 400 other people who applied just to get an interview at this school!”

Will Murphy, television and video engineer for KNWT, explained if the pilot is picked up, it may not necessarily be aired by Discovery Channel.

“The pilot will be shopped around to networks,” he said. “They don’t know where the show is going to land at this point, but the product that they’re making will become a first episode, and if a network becomes interested, it will become a series.”

Murphy believed both Parsons and Drummond took their futures into their hands when they chose to take this opportunity, but molded them for the better.

“I think both of those students are fantastic students and fantastic examples of the kind of students we have in our program,” he said. “They have gone out on their own looking for some of these kinds of opportunities and nailed it, and in this instance, I think they’re really getting rewarded for taking that initiative.”

For those in the film industry, the end of the day does not come when the cameras are off and the actors have gone home. Instead, it comes when the cast and crew see the final product.

“There is nothing more gratifying than working a full day, turning around and a few weeks later seeing it on television some place,” Murphy said. “I hope for their sake the show makes it into a real show, and they can sit on their own couch and watch it from the comfort of their own living rooms.”

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March 8
An accident occurred between Timothy B. Grundmayer, 19, and Caitlyn E. Burkemper at the 1200 block of South Main Street. Grundmayer was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

March 9
A bicycle was recovered at the 400 block of East Fifth Street.

An accident occurred between Logan P. Ridge, 20, Grant City, Mo., and Shawn Popp, Adel, Iowa, at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

March 10
An accident occurred between Alexander J. Snow, 17, and Jennifer J. Wall, 32, at the intersection of West Ninth Street and North Fillmore Street.

March 11
There is an ongoing investigation of lost/stolen property at the 1100 block of North College

Avenue.

An accident occurred between Alexander K. Visk, 22, and Natalieigh B. Brull, 19, Overland Park, Kan., at the intersection of North Grand Street and College Avenue.

March 12
An accident occurred between Alexandria M. McKee and an unknown driver at the 800 block of West Third Street.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and David Muncy, Grain Valley, Mo., at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

March 13
Adam J. Pollock, 43, Topeka, Kan., was charged with false information to a public service officer at the 2700 block of South Main Street.

Rebecca J. Lundblade, 39 Topeka, Kan., was charged with false

information to a public service officer at the 2700 block of South Main Street.

Vinay K. Chikkatolu, 21, was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 200 block of East Third Street.

March 14
Timothy M. Clayton, 24, was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Jackson H. Miller, 22, Red Oak, Iowa, was charged with littering at the 800 block of North Walnut Street.

An accident occurred between Malinda M. Pangle, 54, Barnard, Mo., and Charles W. Standiford Jr., 56, Ravenwood, Mo., at the 100 block of East South Avenue. Pangle was issued a citation for

failure to yield.

March 15
Jeremy L. Booher, 20, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Christopher H. Uhlenkamp, 20, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street,

Nicholas M. Watkins, 20, Lee’s Summit, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 1400 block of North College Drive.

An accident occurred between Cheyanna J. Clark, 16, and Nicholas Lessley, Columbia, Mo., at the 900 block of North Mulberry Avenue.

March 16
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 200 block of West Second Street.

March 17
Amanda E. Vore, 34, was wanted on warrant for failure to show cause at the 400 block of North Market Street.

An accident occurred between Phillip R. Braymen, 32, and Rachel E. DeYoung, 20, Glenwood, Iowa, at the intersection of West First Street and North Market Street.

An accident occurred between Shannon K. King, 21, Plattsmouth, Neb., and Brian D. Sparks, 40, at the 100 block of South Main Street. King was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

An accident occurred between Jarek L. Perpetch-Harvey, 20, St. Joseph, Mo., and Caitlin R. Cordnnier, 23, St. Joseph, Mo., at the intersection of College Avenue and College Park Drive.

Blotter from Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office

March 3
Jaylin M. Drennen, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

March 6
Shannon M. Lager, 32, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for failure to appear.

March 11
Donald C. Sipes, 21, Savannah, Mo., was arrest for failure to appear.

March 12
A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported property damage at his residence.

A Ravenwood, Mo., subject re-

ported fraudulent activity in their bank account.

March 13
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Blake A. Cox, 24, Oak Grove, Mo., was arrested for probation

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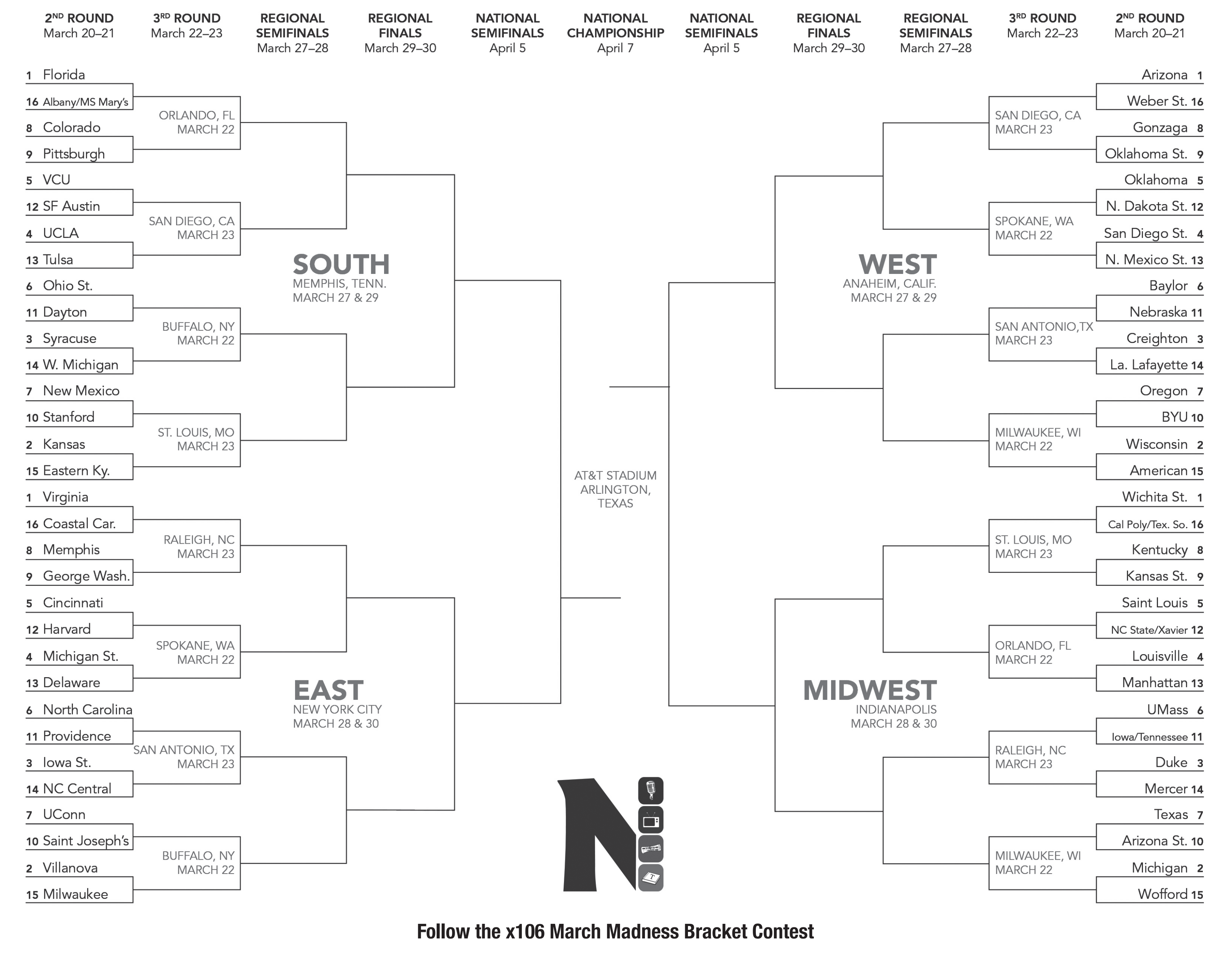
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit device.

Adam J. Pollock, 43, Topeka, Kan., was arrested for fraudulently attempting to obtain a controlled substance.

Jimmie W. Rogers, 22, Topeka, Kan., was arrested for unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Rebecca J. Lundblade, 39, Topeka, Kan., was arrested for fraudulently attempting to obtain a controlled substance.

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Local DJ blends beats for bold mixes

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Now, let the beat drop. If rap is your life-style, dope beats are your besties and upcoming artists are your pride and joy, then listen up, yo. There are a handful of students on campus who have dreams of making it in music's big leagues, but one in particular is taking the first step to push his dreams toward reality.

Kyle Williams, also known as "Trackstar," released his very first mixtape last week, and local fans are going ballistic for his funky-fresh rap game.

Does he seem a little familiar? Believe it or not, most students have probably seen Williams before. Where, you ask? Between school, friends and spitting out local hits, Williams spends his time at Molly's, but not as a guest. Williams is well known for being the "Trackstar" that rocks the turntables. He DJ's two nights a week at Molly's Party Club.

While he gets the crowd moving at Molly's, constructing a mixtape has always been Williams's passion. His new tape creates a sense of modern, upbeat confidence that is evident in every track it is the same confidence he portrays while mixing beats at Molly's. Most of the lyrics from his new mixtape are from past experiences and people he encountered throughout his younger years.

His mixtape, titled "Under the Influence," includes 18 mixed songs telling the story of Williams' life. This tape features influences from Jay Z, Kanye West, Drake and Lil Wayne. Williams has been working on this mixtape since June 2013 when he first heard of Jay Z's latest album, "Magna Carta... Holy Grail."

"It all started with my influence from an artist. Jay Z had made a CD called the "Magna Carta...Holy Grail," Williams said. "I heard the CD, and I liked it a lot, but I was really more captivated by the production and the beats he was writing on and singing over. And I had the idea to take every instrumental that he had, and I'm going to do my own version of it and make it my mixtape."

Williams combines his deep voice with the light beats of influential artists to invent a new sound. He claims he got his "blueprint" outline for his mixtape from Lil Wayne, but he has many role models, including J. Cole, Kendrick Lamar and A\$AP Rocky. With small bits and pieces of all of these artist coming together, the tape is sure to get a lot of attention from students who thrive on rap music.

Brian Birchier, a junior at Northwest, helped to produce and overlay Williams's personal lyrics on top of the structures of previous instrumental productions. Birchier works with a few artists in the area to assure their music has a more official, professional vibe. The pair collaborated to design the mixtape that is spreading across campus.

"I hope it (the mixtape) is successful," Birchier said. "I've seen him work a lot online, and he's on YouTube now. He's handing out CDs; he has digital copies ready to be sent through email. Hopefully, he gets a lot of exposure, and he goes somewhere with it."

Anyone who meets Williams will agree that determination is one of his key traits. His work ethic and uplifting attitude has contributed to the success he has in the music world.

"Kyle is a very hard worker," Birchier said. "Everytime he came into the studio, he knew what he wanted to do. He had notes prepared. He gave me advice on some things, and I gave him some helpful feedback. He was very determined and very excited to work together."

Williams' lyrics are direct, powerful and add his own flavor to the instrumentals already created by the pros. In his song, titled "Successful," Williams uses Drake's background to paint a lyrical masterpiece all his own.

The track begins with the Lord's Prayer and cuts into Williams' voice rapping, "I can't even lie, I went through times when I was confused/I had multiples clinging to my heart, but it wasn't amusing/Even when I was losing, it was easy to keep it cruisin'/Till I fully lost the things in life that were worth proving."

Honesty is a common thread throughout the mixtape. Williams is not afraid to say negative things about the past because this mixtape is almost a cleansing art form for him. It's his way of expressing himself, releasing bad memories and starting fresh with new ideas.

"I think a lot of my lyrics for my 'Under the Influence' was a lot of stuff that related to me and my ex and my friends back home, really any people I knew it the past," Williams said. "I wanted to be so cool, and I wanted so many things that I felt like I wasn't really being myself for a long time...I don't regret it because it's mainly who I am today."

The whole tape is a mix of slow, smoothing notes with Williams's overpowering voice. Even though the music is not his, the songs sound nothing like the originals from the big-time artists. He has taken someone else's art

and transformed it to make it a completely new music experience.

"I knew I was under the influence of a lot of different artists, and I knew it really wasn't sounding like me yet," Williams said. "(It was about) finding and bringing out my personality within the instrumentals."

After changing majors a few times, Williams has decided that art is the right career path for him. He is unsure if music will have a role in his future, but right now, it is a prominent aspect in his life with his mixtape and DJ job at Molly's.

He strives to be a well-rounded artist, dabbling in all artforms, including music, drawing and painting. One of the more interesting parts of the album actually isn't musical at all. The cover for the mixtape is a pencil drawing Williams sketched himself.

"I wanted a whole lot of garbage in the yard, and me in the middle and my influences above me because I'm under the influence of them," Williams said. "But I have a bag of drugs, of pills, bottles of alcohol, condoms and beer cans and stuff that I feel I am above the influence of now..."

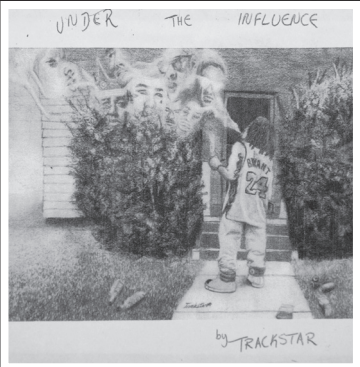
Williams does not take his music lightly. He says he is critical of other artists he cares for, including some of his biggest role models, such as Drake. But at the same time, he appreciates other musicians for their productions and efforts.

"Any artist that is making something to really push people to think or motivate somebody, music that can inspire emotion whether it's angry, happy, sad, anything that is artistic, that's great music," Williams said.

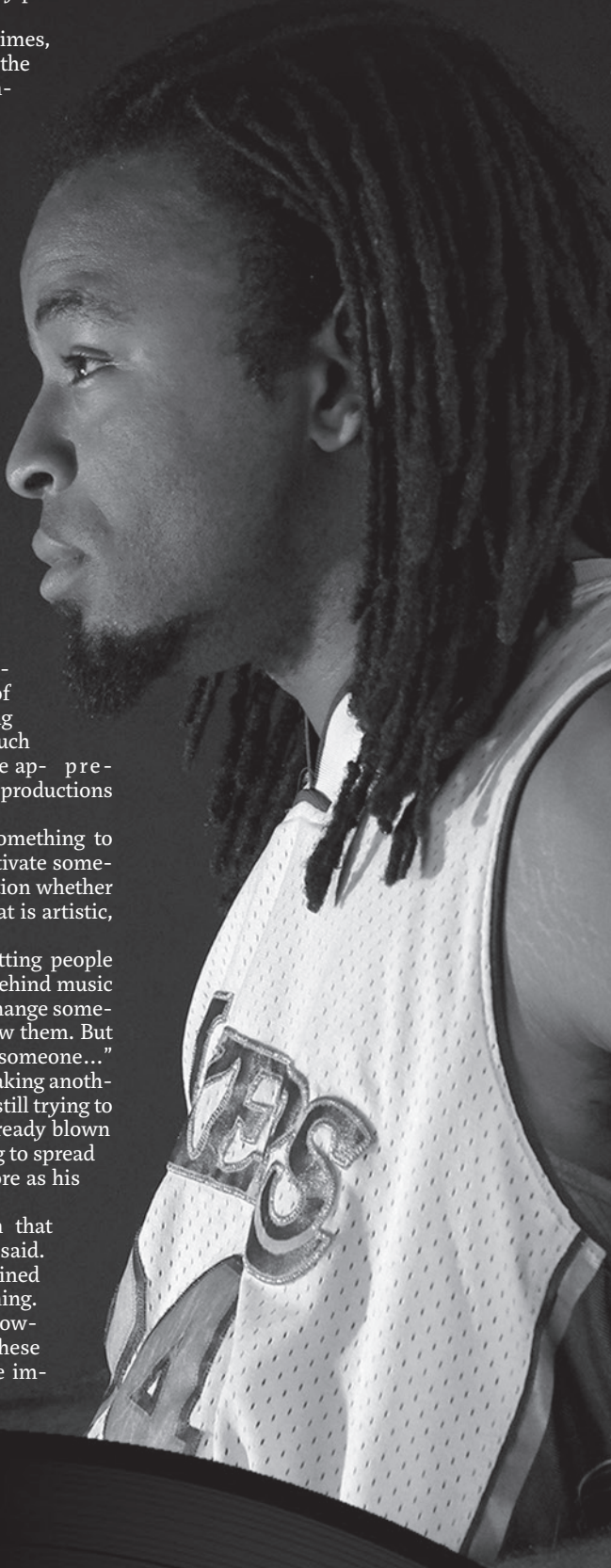
"In that sense where it is getting people to do anything, that's the power behind music that I really love. I think you can change someone's life, and you don't even know them. But you can make a song that impacts someone..."

Williams could see himself making another mixtape in the future, but he is still trying to hand out his first CDs. He has already blown through his first 100 and is looking to spread his passion around town even more as his local fame takes off.

"Kyle is the type of person that wants to get things done," Birchier said. "He is very devoted and determined when he sets his mind to something. His music revolves around him growing as a person and completing these milestones in his life and how he improves from that..."



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Williams's mixtape cover for "Under the Influence" portrays his artistic abilities and story of the past.



To listen to Williams's new tracks, check him out on Youtube or look for him passing out CDs on campus or at Molly's.

